

**BROWN SHARPLY  
ASSAILS CONDUCT  
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Lays Stress on Alleged  
Mismanagement of  
Koerner's Office.

**LATTER TAKES PART  
IN JOINT DEBATE**

He and W. W. Sproul Answer  
Charges of Bedford Candidate.  
Williams and Cumming Also  
Address Big Gather-  
ing of Voters at  
Kenbridge.

BY WILLIAM B. SMITH.  
Kenbridge, Va., August 2.—Conduct  
of the State Department of Agricul-  
ture was sharply assailed by J. Thomp-  
son Brown, candidate for the nomina-  
tion for Commissioner of Agriculture,  
and vigorously defended by George W.  
Koerner, the incumbent, who is offer-  
ing for re-election in a joint debate  
held here to-day before a crowd esti-  
mated at from 1,000 to 1,200 people  
from a half-dozen surrounding coun-  
ties. Following the joint debate, Judge  
Samuel W. Williams and S. Gordon  
Cumming presented their claims for  
the position of Attorney-General. A  
telegram was received from Governor  
William Hodges Mann, regretting his  
inability to attend because of pressing  
official business.

**Keeps Open House.**  
The town of Kenbridge kept open  
house and entertained its visitors  
handsomely, an old-fashioned barbecue  
being served in a grove near the open-  
air speaking place. A baseball game  
and other events added interest to the  
day.

A large audience, in which there  
were many women, paid close atten-  
tion to the speakers. Messrs. Cumming  
and Williams carried the applause  
about equally. A large number of  
Koerner's supporters, and the commis-  
sioner was warmly applauded when he  
came to the platform. Mr. Brown re-  
ceived more applause at the conclusion  
of his address than the other candi-  
date. T. W. Ozell presided, giving each  
candidate a good introduction. Dele-  
gate S. H. Love welcomed the visitors  
from surrounding counties to the new  
metropolis of Lunenburg, which was  
growing up since the opening of the  
Virginia Railway.

The joint debate was arranged by  
the Kenbridge committee, neither can-  
didate issuing a challenge. The terms  
agreed upon, Mr. Brown opened in  
a fifteen-minute address, Mr. Koerner  
spoke for thirty minutes, Mr. Brown  
followed for fifteen minutes, and Mr.  
Koerner closed in ten minutes.

**Amplifies Former Charges.**  
Mr. Brown's address was in the  
main an amplification of charges here-  
before made, the candidate reading a  
number of letters from well-known  
men in support of his assertions that  
Mr. Koerner had refused to co-operate  
with other agricultural agencies of  
the State. That Mr. Koerner had tried  
to slip a bill through the General As-  
sembly as a substitute for the one  
prepared by the State Board of Agricul-  
ture, and, when charged with treach-  
ery, denied knowledge of the bill which  
he had himself prepared, and asked  
certain members to support the bill.  
Koerner later begged J. H. C. Beverly,  
former chairman of the State Board of  
Agriculture, not to expose his action  
in this matter, as he had just had an  
affliction in his family, that there was  
an accident to his car, and that he  
whereby in the typewritten copy of a  
bill prepared for submission to the  
General Assembly, contentions of Mr.  
Koerner were slipped in without knowl-  
edge of the board, giving him, rather  
than the Board of Agriculture, power  
to appoint the chemist and fertilizer  
inspectors; that funds of the office  
were expended without proper vouchers,  
much of it on Mr. Koerner's personal  
check, without any record of what  
the money was spent for, and that  
certainly showing expenses during  
the campaign four years ago having  
been abstracted from the office files,  
and that Mr. Koerner had instructed in-  
spector to do so.

**NICARAGUAN PLAN  
PLACED ON SHELF**

Senate Committee Not Ready to  
Take Up Central American  
Protectorates.

Washington, August 2.—Secretary  
Bryan's plan for an American protec-  
torate over Nicaragua, providing for  
American supervision of Nicaragua's  
finances, independence and foreign re-  
lations, to-day was shelved for the  
time being.

Apparently with the knowledge of  
the administration, the Senate Foreign  
Relations Committee, before which the  
project has rested for two weeks, passed  
a resolution asking the secretary of  
State to submit a new Nicaraguan  
treaty, omitting the protectorate policy.  
The committee, to be limited strictly  
to the original negotiations with Ni-  
caragua, which provided that the United  
States was to pay \$3,000,000 for an ex-  
clusive canal right across Nicaragua,  
a naval base site on the Bay of Fonseca  
and a lease of the Corn Islands in the  
Caribbean Sea.

The situation has been laid before  
the President, it is understood, and it  
is expected that the administration will  
submit next week a new draft of the  
treaty that will comply with the Sen-  
ate's suggestions. Members of the For-  
eign Relations Committee asserted to-  
day that the future policy of the gov-  
ernment as to the establishment of Cen-  
tral American protectorates had not  
been determined.

R. F. & P. R. R.  
Grand Arris, Fraternal Order of Eagles,  
Richmond, Me. Room 100, Richmond  
25. Tickets on sale August 1st, 2d, 3d and  
4th, good returning up to August 15th, 1913.  
Ten to 100, good in either direction  
at convenient hours.—Advertisement.

**DOUBLE DISASTER  
BRINGS TRAGEDY  
TO MANY HOMES**

Two Explosions in Coal  
Mine Kill Eighteen  
Men.

**HEROIC ATTEMPT  
AT RESCUE FAILS**

Following First Explosion, in  
Which Thirteen Lives Are  
Lost, There Is Another, and  
Five Members of Rescuing  
Party Are Killed—Cause  
Not Yet Known.

Pottsville, Pa., August 2.—Eighteen  
men were killed and two seriously  
injured to-day in a double explosion in  
the East Brookside mine of the Phila-  
delphia and Reading Coal and Iron  
Company, near here, by a double ex-  
plosion of what is believed to have been  
dynamite and gas. Thirteen men died  
in the first explosion, and five met  
death in the second blast, after an  
heroic attempt to rescue the first vic-  
tims. One of the rescuers escaped.

The dead:  
Daniel G. Gabley, aged forty-eight,  
Tower City; leaves wife and seven  
children.  
Henry Murphy, fifty, five sons, Tower  
City; wife and three children.  
John Farrell, forty-nine, Foreman,  
Tower City; wife and ten children.  
Howard Hand, twenty-one, laborer  
of Mull; single.  
Harry Hand, twenty-four, miner,  
Mull; wife and three children.  
Jacob Koppenhaver, twenty-six, shaft-  
sman, Helneton; wife and two children.  
Thomas Behay, thirty, minor, Helneton;  
wife and two children.  
John Endler, thirty, minor, Helneton;  
wife and two children.  
Current Camps, thirty, minor, Helneton;  
wife and two children.  
Cevinda Groziano, thirty, minor, Helneton;  
wife and two children.  
The bodies of two dead have not  
been recovered.

They are Daniel Farley, forty-two,  
fire boss, Tower City; wife and six  
children.  
John Fessler, forty-six, minor, Tower  
City; wife and two children.

**Cause Is Not Known.**  
It is not known exactly what caused  
the explosions, but the miners at the  
colliery are inclined to the belief that  
the first explosion was that of dynamite  
and the second was caused by gas which  
had been ignited by the first explosion.  
The dead were scattered about for a distance  
of about a quarter of a mile. Only three men  
were taken out alive, and one of these  
died on the way to the hospital.

Superintendent John Lorenz, sixty  
years old, was in the mine when the first  
explosion occurred. He was rescued  
several hours later. Harry Schoff,  
stall was another taken out, but he was  
burned and bruised, but is expected  
to recover.

Superintendent Lorenz was found  
crawling along the ground trying to  
make his way through the debris to the  
surface. It is possible that the real  
story of the explosion may never be  
known, as all who were in a position  
to know, were killed. While Superin-  
tendent Lorenz was in the mine at the  
side of the tunnel in which the explosion  
was about 600 feet from the blast, and it  
is not thought that he knows the cause.  
He was not in a condition to talk to-  
night. While the impression seems to  
be that the first explosion was that of  
dynamite, it is possible it might have  
been due to gas. The men were killed  
in three different ways. Some of them  
were violently hurled against the side  
of the tunnel in which they were work-  
ing and crushed. Some were burned to  
death by the explosion of gas, and  
others were suffocated by the after-  
damp, which always follows an explosion  
in a mine.

All but five of the men killed were  
readily identified. The five unidentified  
had no relatives in this vicinity.  
With a few exceptions, all the bot-  
tles were brought here from a  
distance.

The East Brookside Colliery has  
about 500 employees. It is located on  
top of the mountain about two miles  
west of Tower City, within the same  
distance of a half dozen other lit-  
tle mining towns in the Williams Val-  
ley. The colliery closed down Thurs-  
day evening for the week, but Charles  
Portland, a mining contractor, who has  
a contract with the Reading Company  
to drive a tunnel, kept some of his men  
at work. There were a half dozen  
muckers at work, whose duty it is to  
load the debris into the cars. The bot-  
tles, which are fired at night. There  
was also a mucker boss and a black-  
smith and his helpers. All were at  
work in the tunnel, which is about a  
quarter of a mile from the slope en-  
trance to the mines.

Superintendent Lorenz and Mine  
Boss Farrell were in the mine making  
an inspection of some new work  
which was to be done, and were about  
600 feet from the tunnel in which the  
Italian workmen were engaged. It  
was shortly before noon when the  
men on the surface heard a rumbling  
noise and from the mouth of the slope  
and from the air passage way at the  
fan house there came clouds of dust.  
The outside men realized there had  
been an explosion, and a rescue party  
quickly was organized. The rescuers  
were lowered in the slope, a depth of  
1,000 feet at a pitch of 80 degrees  
down to the fifth lift, where the bot-  
tom of the mine is. It is judged that  
the second explosion occurred about twenty  
minutes after the first. The rescuers  
had walked about 600 feet from the  
mouth of the slope, where they were  
found dead.

Five foreign workmen were found  
dead in one pile in the tunnel.

**Mine Rescue Car to Scene.**  
As soon as the nature of the acci-  
dent became known, word was sent to  
the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron  
Company, and they promptly sent the mine  
rescue car to the scene. Rescuers  
made their way with great difficulty.  
The first brought out were the mem-  
bers of the rescuing force, who had  
gone to the relief of the victims of  
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Doctors from all parts of the region  
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**SALARY TANGLE  
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Deadlock Between Board and  
Crenshaw Ranking City  
Hall Topic.

**DOZEN MEN WITHOUT PAY**

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additional alimony for the support of  
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The application of the divorced wife,  
who is known on the stage as Bessie  
Toner, was denied. She is receiving \$5  
a week from her first husband for the  
education of their boy, and wanted \$3  
a week more in order that Harry might  
be sent to a seminary instead of the  
public schools.

Mrs. Elizabeth Toner Child divorced  
Harry Child in December, 1911. In her  
legal papers she received \$1,150. Child  
told the court to-day that within a  
month after the final decree was signed  
his ex-wife was married to Dr. Chesley,  
of Baltimore. Dr. Chesley then wrote a  
sketch burlesquing the divorce proceed-  
ings of his wife. In the sketch, Child  
says, there is a dramatic version of the  
"methods of an American girl trapping  
an English husband."

Child admits the "methods are vivid-  
ly and humorously portrayed," but  
protests against having such matters  
exploited.

Last April, Child declares, his former  
wife told him she was receiving  
\$60 a week from the sketch, which is  
entitled "Tricks." She said Dr. Chesley  
is independently rich, and spends at  
least \$25,000 a year upon her. The  
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**GOOD SERVITOR  
LOST TO STATE BY  
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As Member of House,  
He Had Achieved  
Notable Career.

**LEADING FIGURE  
IN FINANCE WORK**

Known as "Watchdog of Treas-  
ury," and Thoroughly Acquaint-  
ed With Virginia's Institu-  
tions, His Services Were of  
Unusual Value—Dies  
After Long Illness.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Richmond, Va., August 2.—After an  
illness covering a period of three  
months, Colonel A. M. Bowman, farm-  
er-legislator, Confederate veteran and  
capitalist, died at 10:05 o'clock this  
morning at his home on High Street  
Salem. Not at any time since he was  
stricken early in May has there been  
much hope for Colonel Bowman's re-  
covery, and during the past three  
weeks his life has hung by a thread.  
Physicians have expected death mo-  
mentarily since Wednesday of this  
week.

Because of illness he recently not-  
ified the County Board of Supervisors  
that he would not again offer for the  
House of Delegates, where he had re-  
presented this county for a number of  
years. C. L. Stearnes has been de-  
clared the nominee in his stead.

For several sessions Colonel Bowman  
had served as chairman of the House  
Finance Committee, where he was  
known as the "watchdog of the treas-  
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**His Death Loss to Virginia**



*Yours Truly  
A. M. Bowman*

**HEADLINE ALMOST  
CAUSES MISTRIAL**

Newspaper, in Hands of Pre-  
siding Judge, in Full  
View of Jury.

**DOZEN MEN WITHOUT PAY**

Salaries Totalling \$1,500 Held Up  
Pending Correction of Pay  
Roll by Board.

A dozen or more deputy inspectors  
of the Gas Department, Superintendent  
Knowles himself, and at least  
one officer in the Water Department  
are unable to secure from the city of  
Richmond money due them in salaries  
for the latter half of the month of  
July, because of the refusal of the  
Administrative Board to conform to  
the request of Acting Auditor Cren-  
shaw that it approve a corrected pay-  
roll.

The situation is without parallel in  
the annals of the city, and has within  
the past day or two taken first rank  
as a topic for discussion wherever  
public men and citizens gather. The  
Acting Auditor is prepared to issue  
checks totaling in excess of \$1,500 to  
the unpaid city officers on condition  
that the board send him what he re-  
gards a legal payroll. The board has  
its own idea as to what constitutes a  
legal payroll, and, in the meantime,  
the men are without their pay.

**Situation Becoming Acute.**  
Differences between Acting Auditor  
Crenshaw and the Administrative  
Board are becoming acute.  
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**DIVORCE PROVES  
BIG MONEY-MAKER**

Actress Capitalizes Her Marital  
Difficulties With Savage's  
Stage Manager.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
New York, August 2.—A protest made  
to-day in the Supreme Court by Harry  
Child, chief stage manager for Henry  
W. Savage, charging his former wife  
and her second husband with capital-  
izing her divorce proceedings for a  
burlesque production, which nets them  
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**DR. P. B. BARRINGER  
ATTACKS GOVERNOR  
IN SIGNED LETTER**

Says Chief Executive Is  
Guilty of "Dirty  
Work."

**WHY HE RESIGNED  
FROM PRESIDENCY**

Reviewing His Connection With  
V. P. I., Declares That Gov-  
ernor Mann Forced Him Out  
to Find Place for "Favor-  
ite"—Alludes to Ma-  
honey and to Liquor.

Dr. P. B. Barringer, former president  
of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute,  
who was succeeded by Dr. Eggleston  
as the head of that college, has sent  
The Times-Dispatch the letter printed  
below, being, as Dr. Barringer states,  
"My reply to Governor Mann." The  
letter follows:  
To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch,  
Richmond, Virginia.  
In order to preserve the good name  
of the State, and, if possible, give the  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute a health-  
ful period of quietude, I have hereto-  
fore been content to remain silent re-  
garding the causes of my resignation  
from the V. P. I. The appearance,  
however, of a statement by Governor  
Mann, in your issue of July 30, in which  
he seemingly boasts of his responsi-  
bility for my withdrawal from that in-  
stitution, demands a reply.  
Governor Mann's statement that he  
brought about my resignation in order  
to secure harmony amongst the various  
agricultural interests in the State is  
not supported by the facts. It looks  
more as if it was done to make place  
for certain of his political favorites  
and friends, and from no higher mo-  
tive. The facts are as follows:  
Somewhere near the middle of April,  
1912, being in Charlottesville on per-  
sonal business, I called on my friend,  
the late Daniel W. Farnsworth, who in-  
formed me that he had just learned of a  
motion which seriously involved my fu-  
ture, and that he was then on the  
point of writing me regarding the  
matter. He stated that he had just  
been informed by a special messenger  
from the Governor that he intended  
to reappoint to the board the two  
men who had been so flagrantly and  
openly inimical to my administration  
during the past four years, but that  
he would not resign at a given time.  
It will readily be seen why this was  
carried to Mr. Harmon. He was known  
far and wide as my counselor in all  
the preceding assaults upon him at the  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and as  
my faithful friend of long standing  
on the board at the University of Vir-  
ginia. After a discussion of the mat-  
ter, we determined to wire this agent  
of the Governor, Dr. J. C. Farnsworth,  
to return at once to Charlottesville.  
We did this, and were told by him  
that the Governor would agree not to  
reappoint the two men who had so long  
fought me, but would appoint, as Dr.  
Farnsworth quaintly put it, "a bunch  
of good men" on this condition—that  
I would tender my resignation at the  
first meeting after the board was  
changed. I was also informed by this  
stratagem that Mr. Farnsworth's ac-  
ceptance of my resignation would be  
the new board, and that I would be  
asked to continue in service one year.  
Presenting a resignation had no ter-  
rors for me. During the years in  
which I was in charge of the V. P. I.  
of the University of Virginia I made  
it a rule to tender my resignation at  
fair intervals, in order to test the con-  
fidence of the board. This fact will  
be readily recalled by Hon. R. Tate Irvine,  
Hon. Henry Dowdell, Hon. Carter  
Glass, and others who served  
with me at the University of Virginia.  
Thinking it a square and proper cus-  
tom, I had determined to do this at the  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute, but I  
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**MYSTERY SHROUDS  
DRUGGIST'S DEATH**

Found Dying in Dentist's Office,  
Where He Had Tooth  
Pulled.

Springfield, Ill., August 2.—Search-  
ing inquiry was begun to-day to de-  
termine the cause of the death late  
last night of A. T. Kammerer, a young  
druggist of this city, who was in good  
health yesterday morning when he  
went to the office of Dr. R. G. Gunn  
to have a tooth pulled.  
While Dr. Gunn insisted to-day that  
Kammerer drank a quart of whiskey  
before the tooth was pulled, Coroner  
Rhoads said examination of the drug-  
gist's stomach failed to reveal pres-  
ence of whiskey. Dr. Gunn admits  
he pulled the tooth while Kammerer  
was lying on the floor. Gunn said he  
denied that Mr. Kammerer was in his  
office when friends inquired about him  
because he wanted Kammerer to get  
over the effects of the stimulant.  
The druggist's presence in the  
dentist's office was discovered by Mr.  
Kammerer. When Dr. Gunn told her  
that her husband was not